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Application No.: 10/775,687
Confirmation No.: 9163
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Examiner: Zinna Northington Davis
Group Art Unit: 1625
Applicants: John R. Snoonian et al.
For: PROCESSES FOR THE FACILE SYNTHESIS OF DIARYL
AMINES AND ANALOGUES THEREOF

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Cambridge, Massachusetts

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the November 14, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have concurrently herewith submitted a petition to extend the time for a reply by five month(s), up to and including May 15, 2006,¹ and have authorized the Director to charge the applicable fee. Consequently, this reply is timely submitted.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 13 of this Reply.

¹ With the extension of time, a reply was due May 14, 2006, which was a Sunday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), the reply may be filed on the next business day.